

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

MARCH 2010

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 18, 2010

7:30 PM

ALAN LEIS CENTER

Officer Chip Conner with the Fairfax County Police Department will be our guest speak. Ofcr. Conner will discuss home security and neighborhood crime. Come with your questions and concerns and get some answers.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, February is coming to an end and it is beginning to look like the snow may actually melt away in the near future! Let's hope that March does not bring any more snow. Spring is right around the corner and I am looking forward to all the beautiful dogwoods and flowers that Broyhill Park has every spring. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the end of March at St. Patrick's. Hopefully the kids won't be hunting for eggs in the snow! Make sure you plan to bring your little ones to the egg hunt, or just come to watch the festivities. Make sure you arrive on time, because it doesn't take long once the egg hunt starts.

We will be having Officer Chip Conner from Mason District come to our next General Meeting to talk about neighborhood crime and safety. I hope to see a lot of you there. I look forward to seeing everyone out and about as the weather warms up.

Lastly I want to mention that our 2010 dues drive has begun. Please use the form on Page 5 of this newsletter to send in your dues payment. 100% of your dues goes directly back into our community to fund the newsletter, directory, website, neighborhood watch, Easter egg hunt, Halloween parade, Christmas party, and other Civic Association activities. Thanks for your support. Sincerely, *Patricia Rodgers Herrity*

Announcing Broyhill Park's

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 10:30 AM

SAINT PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • 3241 BRUSH DRIVE

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Virginia State Delegate Bob Hull has stepped down from office after 17 years. Del. Hull lost the Democratic primary last spring to former school board member Kay Kory. Del. Hull represented all of Broyhill Park up until a redistricting in 2001 and was a frequent speaker at Broyhill Civic Association meetings.... The Safeway at Route 50 and Patrick Henry Drive is closed for renovations. It is planned to reopen in October. In the meantime a new Bloom Supermarket has opened in Annandale where the old Magruder's on Columbia Pike used to be.... The 5th annual Falls Church High School Athletic Department's 5-Kilometer run will be held on Saturday, April 24th. To register for this event, go to www.jaguar5k.com. Register by March 26th to get the earlybird rate.

In Memoriam.... longtime Broyhill Park resident Michael Cruz passed away in December. Mr. Cruz lived on Strathmore Street. He was a good neighbor, a family man, liked to take walks through the Park. He will be missed by all.... Mrs. Rachael Zuratt Foote, age 35, of Camp Alger Avenue passed away unexpectedly in December. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, and mother and is sadly missed by family and friends.

Old Hickory Grille

We feature pulled smoked pork, ribs, roasted chicken, salads, sandwiches, regional American specialties, kids menu, old-fashioned milkshakes and a full bar. We want to thank all the families of Broyhill Park for their support.

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Can a commercial vehicle be parked on a residential property? Only ONE commercial vehicle may be parked on a residential property and it must be on a paved driveway or on the side of the house or in the backyard. Garbage trucks, tractor-trailer trucks, dump trucks and cement mixer trucks may not be parked on a residential property at all.

Can any vehicle be parked on the front lawn? NO, vehicles must be parked on the street or on a paved driveway. The only exception is if a vehicle is being actively cleaned, repaired or loaded. A vehicle may be parked on the lawn for these reasons, but for no longer than 48 hours.

Can construction equipment be parked on residential property? Construction equipment may be kept anywhere on the property if there is a valid building permit and work is in progress

How much of a front yard can be paved? It depends on the zoning district. Broyhill Park is zoned R-4, which means that no more than 30% of a front yard can be paved.

**Definition of commercial vehicle:* Changes to the County Code regarding commercial vehicles went into effect February 1. These changes expand the definition of a commercial vehicle to include vehicles that are more than 21 feet long, more than 8 feet high, more than 102 inches wide, or have a gross weight of 12,000 lbs. or more; a licensed limousine or taxicab; vehicles carrying commercial freight in plain view; a trailer or semitrailer; and any vehicle with 3 or more axles.

Violations: Street parking violations should be reported to the police at 703-691-2131. Property parking violations should be reported to the Board of Zoning Enforcement at 703-324-1300. These laws are designed to keep residential neighborhoods from becoming commercialized, which in turn lowers property values and makes it a less desirable neighborhood, so do not hesitate to report a violation.

Did you know?...that a small portion of Broyhill Park is located in Providence District? This includes homes on the south side of Camp Alger Avenue from Carol Lane to Holly Hill Drive, the pipestem and court of Holly Hill Drive, and the 3300 block of Dye Drive, which are all Providence District. The rest of Broyhill Park is Mason District.

...that a local non-profit organization offers free home repairs for qualified homeowners? Repairs include interior and exterior painting; floor, wall and ceiling repairs; minor plumbing and electrical work; installation of ramps, grab bars and railings; and yard work. In order to qualify, you must own and live in the home to be repaired. Your income level cannot exceed \$43,050. For each additional person in the home, the income level increases by \$4,800-\$6,000. RPJ Housing is partially funded by Fairfax County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool. To apply for free home repairs, please call RPJ Housing at 703-528-5606, ext 16.

- **Experienced Babysitters Available** - Please call Marisa (age 15) or Kara (age 16) Sims at 703-207-3098.

Winners of the 2009 Christmas Lighting Contest

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st Place Overall — Jose & Maria Lazo, 7428 Camp Alger Avenue
- 2nd Place Overall — John & Kathy Koutze, 7317 Camp Alger Avenue
- 3rd Place Overall — 7014 Strathmore Street
- Best Door — Tricia & Sean Herrity, 7009 Kenfig Place
- Best Window — Cameo Andersen, 3222 Holly Hill Drive

Judging took place the night of December 26th. Although there were not as many elaborate displays as in past years because of the heavy snowfall the week before, the judges still gave consideration to size of display, overall effect, neatness, color and theme coordination, and how much effort was put into creating the display in general. The first place winner received a \$25 gift certificate generously donated by Old Hickory Grille in Loehmann's Plaza, second place received a \$25 gift certificate from IHOP, and the remaining winners received \$10 gift cards from Giant Food. We are looking for new judges for next year's contest. Please contact the Civic Association president if you would like to be a judge next year.

Do you know that the best place for family fun is right here in our own neighborhood within walking distance, where you don't have to fight traffic or pay exorbitant entry fees? That's right, it's our own neighborhood pool – Woodley Pool, conveniently located in the middle of Camp Alger Avenue next to the Leis Center. At Woodley there is ample parking, no steps to negotiate, a flat-rate membership fee that gives your family access every day, all summer long, and most importantly, a friendly, casual atmosphere that welcomes all. There is something for everyone at Woodley, including swimming, sunning, socializing and fun in the pool for kids and adults alike. JOIN NOW and pay your membership fee in installments by downloading the membership form from the Woodley website at www.woodleypool.org. Use the coupon below to get the \$25 New Member discount.

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Coupon expires 6/30/10

History of Broyhill Park continued from previous newsletter....

The Northern Virginia area is littered with thousands of Broyhill homes. In addition to Broyhill Park, the company also built Broyhill Crest, Broyhill-Langley Estates and Broyhill-McLean Estates in Fairfax County, Broyhill Forest and Broyhill Hills in Arlington County, and Sterling Park in Loudon County. Although most of the Broyhill homes look alike, on second glance they can be distinguished by certain exterior features. Some homes have a floor-to-ceiling picture window adjacent to the front door, others have a double window, an elongated three-pane window, or a small three-pane window. The original windows were drafty single-pane steel-framed casement windows. Most have been replaced by later homeowners with double-pane vinyl windows, a huge improvement in energy efficiency. Some homes have a decorative gable on one side of the roof, others--mostly in the section known as Old Broyhill Park--have the gable in the middle with steps placed sideways to the front door. One variation has a covered entryway, but most homes were built with nothing more than the 2' roof overhang as shelter over the front door. A very few homes don't have a front door at all; instead they have the kitchen in the front and the main entryway on the side of the house. These rarities have been spotted in Sherry Court, Alice Court, and a singleton in the 3300 block of Graham Road. Many homes have an exterior façade of board-and-batten paneling, whose variously painted colors help to distinguish the homes from one another. We can only ponder how much more comfortable these homes would have been if the Broyhill brothers had been a little more generous with the dimensions and if they had properly insulated the walls. Such as it is, the homes are functional and the basic structure has held up well over the years.

► Are you an original owner or do you know someone who is? If so, we would like to feature you in a future newsletter. Contact the newsletter editor at centaur@erols.com or by phone at 703-641-0729 and give us your story.

THE GREEN SCENE

With spring just around the corner, now's the time to think about installing a vegetable garden in your yard. Vegetable gardening is 'all the rage' now that people are starting to realize everything that's wrong with our industrialized food supply. However, with so many tall trees around, it can be almost impossible to find a sunny enough spot for a garden. Solutions include having a few trees removed or topped off, creating a small plot in your front or side yard which may be sunnier than the back, renting a garden plot from the county, or purchasing locally from a farm co-op or farmer's market. If you've ever gone to the Saturday morning farmer's market in Falls Church City and been dismayed by the high prices and huge crowds, don't give up. Fairfax County has daily farmer's markets with more reasonable prices and fewer crowds. The closest markets are Tuesday mornings at Van Dyck Park on Old Lee Highway a short distance from Fairfax High School, Wednesdays from 2-6pm at Wakefield Park, and Thursday mornings at Mason District Park. These markets will re-open in early May.

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Broyhill Park Civic Association 2010 DUES

The Broyhill Park Civic Association dues are \$10 for one year. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. Mail check, money order, or cash to Dues Coordinator, 3227 Alice Court, Falls Church, VA 22042. You can also bring your dues payment to the next Civic Association meeting. **Checks should be made payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association.**

NAME: _____

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____ Please add my name to the Broyhill Park e-mail list to receive frequent updates about community news and events. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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